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**SEN. LARRY TAYLOR APPOINTED CHAIRMAN  
OF SCHOOL FINANCE WORKGROUP**  
***Tasked With Proposing New School Finance Funding Structure***

AUSTIN, TEXAS (January 25, 2017) . . . This week, Senator Larry Taylor (R-Friendswood) was appointed as Chairman of the School Finance Workgroup by State Senator Jane Nelson (R-Lewisville), Chairwoman of the Senate Finance Committee.

Senator Nelson said, "There is no issue more important to the future of our state than public education. We have an opportunity to improve our school finance system without a court order, and this workgroup, chaired by Sen. Taylor, will recommend ways to make the system less complicated, more innovative and, most importantly, more successful in meeting the needs of students."

The Workgroup on School Finance will work with the Senate Education Committee members who are not on Finance, as well as with all members of the Senate and stakeholders, to propose potential replacements for our current funding structure.

Senator Taylor said, "I applaud Senator Nelson's boldness in tackling this challenge head on and I'm looking forward to addressing this issue of fundamental importance to all Texans. Due to the Texas Supreme Court ruling, the timing is right for a 'top-to-bottom' review of all aspects of our very complicated school funding and to develop a framework for comprehensive reform. Our current structure, with some components over 30 years old, was not designed to be utilized in its present form and the time has come for a new 21<sup>st</sup> century school finance system."

Senator Larry Taylor is a lifelong Texan and Baylor University graduate raised in Friendswood. He and his wife Kerri have three adult children and one granddaughter. Senator Taylor owns Truman Taylor Insurance Agency in Friendswood, an independent agency started by his father 55 years ago. Prior to his election to the Texas Senate in 2012, he served five terms in the Texas House of Representatives. Senator Taylor represents Senate District 11, comprised of portions of Brazoria, Galveston, and Harris Counties.

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